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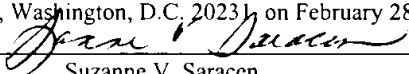
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AMENDMENT

Director of the United States
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of August 28, 2002, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application:

In the claims:

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application.

Please cancel claims 7 and 21, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows: